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SUBJECT: ISRAELI ELECTIONS

1. YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS AT AN EARLY
OPPORTUNITY TO HIGH LEVELS IN RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS
CONCERNING THE ISRAELI ELECTION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO
THE SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATION PROCESS:

-- WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE ISRAELI ELECTION
HAS AROUSED CONCERN IN ARAB CAPITALS ABOUT ITS EFFECT ON
MIDDLE EAST PEACE EFFORTS;

-- THE GOVERNMENT FORMATION PROCESS IN ISRAEL IS SUFFICIENTLY
COMPLEX, HOWEVER, THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE VOTING
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RESULTS IT IS NOT WORTHWHILE TO ATTEMPT TO PREDICT WHAT
ITS ULTIMATE OUTCOME WILL BE.

-- IT WOULD BE EVEN LESS FRUITFUL TO TRY TO ASSESS AT
THIS STAGE WHAT THE POLICIES WOULD BE OF ANY POSSIBLE
FUTURE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT, GIVEN THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL
GROUPS INVOLVED, SOME OF WHOM WOULD BE NEW TO GOVERNMENT

RESPONSIBILITY.

-- FOR OUR PART, WE WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE INTEND TO

CONTINUE TO PURSUE VIGOROUSLY AND WITH DETERMINATION THE EFFORT WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN LOOKING TOWARD RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND NEGOTIATING A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT.

-- WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH OUR CONSULTATIONS TO THIS END; THE PRESIDENT LOOKS FORWARD TO THOROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH PRINCE FAHD NEXT WEEK. WHEN AN ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS FORMED WE ANTICIPATE INVITING THE NEW PRIME MINISTER FOR TALKS IN WASHINGTON AND TO MOVE ON FROM THERE IN RENEWED CONTACTS WITH ALL THE PARTIES.

-- MEANWHILE, DURING WHAT MAY BE A RATHER PROTRACTED PROCESS IN ISRAEL, WE WILL BE DOING SOME THINKING OF OUR OWN ABOUT THE CONSULTATIONS WE HAVE HAD TO DATE, AND WE WILL BE WANTING TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OUR ARAB FRIENDS ABOUT SOME OF THE ISSUES WE HAVE DISCUSSED TOGETHER. WE HOPE THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THEIR POSITIONS ON THE KEY ISSUES AND TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS WITH US.

-- IN THIS PERIOD, AS WELL, IT WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR OUR OWN COUNTRIES TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE PROCESS AND TO LEAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT OUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO PROGRESS. THE U.S. HAS PUT ITSELF ON RECORD TO THIS

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